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LETTERS OF WILLIAM BYRD, FIRST.

(From his letter book in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society.)

(Continued)

TO MR. NORTH

Virginia August y^e 8th 1690

S^r

I wrote you at large by Ruddes & since have not been able to procure freight for any Goods onely two H^{ds} of skins &c^d on board the James as ~~the~~ bill of Lading & invoice inclosed, though the termes hard. Tatnall promised to take mee in 30 H^{ds} provided I would consigne them to some of his owners; & I tooke my notes but when hee understood I designed them to m^r Cornwell, & not to Jenings hee left them all out, I hear hee hath none but what goes to Jenings; If you will not send our owne ships nor get no freight otherways, wee must ship itt as wee can. I hope Bradly (who will scarce sail till Octob^r) will take mee Some furs & skins considerable, or I shall bee at a great Loss haveing near 300 H^{ds} of Tobo by mee besides y^e other Comoditys.

Arthur Spicer (1) I believe gives you a blind Acco^t of yo^r business wth Brain hee neglecting Sufficently to prove his Letter of Attorney

Wee Sent you a returne of our token by Ruddes, £5 whereof you must charge to mee Viz^t Selfe, R. P. Rich^d Blande, Rich^d Cock & Hugh Davis.

(1) Arthur Spicer, of Rappahannock and Richmond counties, was a merchant and lawyer, was a son of Alice Spicer, widow (in 1700) of Richmond, Surey, England, and a brother of John Spicer of London. In his will he directed that his son John be sent to England for education, preferably to the Chaster House.

I have wrote to m^r Bacon & m^r Harpur ab^t their business, m^r Sheerwood' goes in Arnold & hee can give the Latter a full Acco^t.

I wonder you doe not So much as mention m^r Banisters mony, though hee gave mee an Order for all in yo^r hands (W^{ch} I know you rec^d) So that it is impossible for mee to reckon wth m^r Banister; Such dilatory advice must needs dissuade every body from Sending any by Ex'ca or allmost otherwise. I hope you will bee so kind as to lett us hear more frequently from you w^{ch} would give us Some Satisfaction.

I have Sent otherways for my Wine for I find you & the Choice Lad will Spare us none thats good most of the Clarett Sent this year being allready utterly Spoiled, Viz^t Dead Sower & Mothery. Please to give my humble Service to all our friends, & excuse any thing may Seem harsh, for Ile assure you no man hath a greater or more reall respect for you then

S^r

Yo^r faithfill friend & Serv^t

W. B.

To m^r North ¶ James

Post, Pray Send mee $\frac{1}{2}$ a doz Rideing Neck Cloths & 2 or 3 pr Linen Stock: to ride in let y^m bee Sticht Handsomely

TO PERRY AND LANE

Virg'a August y^e 8th 1690

Gent

This onely accompany's the Sloop Amy & to cover the inclosed bill of Ladeing for fourteen H^ds Tob'o on board her, God Send all well home, I am

Gent

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

W. B.

To P. & L. ¶ y^e Amy

TO PERRY AND LANE

Virginia August y^e 8th 1690Gen^t

This will come to your hands by Col'o Ludwell, who hath made a Sudden resolution for England again; what may bee the chief motives I know not, but hee offers mee his Service M^r Aylways business, So that I hope hee will not doe mee any prejudice therein; (the letters I mention^d formerly I sent to m^r Povey, whose assistance I have intreated in the purchasing Aylway out, I hope you will consult him & interview itt. I am not jealous of any body's acting to my prejudice (if Col'o Ludwell is reall) unless Dan'll Parke (2) should gett any acquaintance wth Aylway; I hope you will use yo^r utmost indeavours herein & I doe not question but my L^d Effingham & m^r Blathwait will bee kind to mee in that affair;

Col'o Ludwell told mee hee thought Aylway would demand £300 w^h I would give, nay rather then fail £50 more, but I must refer that wholly to yourselves for more or Less as you find Occasion:

I have wrote Largely by Severall, therefore shall not repeat business haveing Sent duplicates of y^e most materiall, onely have charged £9 on yon payable to Mas^r Stith, Since my Last, w^{ch} I desire you to pay & charge that wth m^r Povy's bill to my p^ticular Acco^t the rest to y^e Audito^rs

Cap^t P. Perry goes now to Kiquotan, whom I have desired to take what bills of Exca Col'o Page or m^r Jenings hath for mee & inclose the first to you; w^{ch} I hope you'l take notice of, I have desired you formerly to buy what wine I sent for y^e Councell of m^r Hawkins by Col'o Ludwells advice, I now desire you to buy $\frac{1}{2}$ as much for my Selfe of y^e Same p^{son} wth y^e Same advice, all but Rhenish, of w^{ch} I would desire you to procure two or $3\frac{1}{2}$ Tuns from m^r Sanserf of Rotterdam, (that I had formerly proveing very good) this is for a tryall for my Selfe & friends

I am now building att Westopher & desire you to Send mee One Bed Bedstead Curtains, wth all manner furniture, Chairs,

(2) This was Danial Parke, the younger.


table, Looking Glass for a Chamber to bee Handsome & neat,
but cheap, also 1 doz. best Rushia Lether Chairs, 1 Small, 1
Middleing & 1 large Ovall table;

Pray Give my Humble Service to all friends, & my Blessing
to y^e Children, wth best respects I take Leave

Gent

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

mons^r Juniens Accomplishment of prophecy please to send mee
& 1 good Sealing Wax

To P. & L.  Col'o Ludwell.

TO PERRY AND LANE

August y^e 8th 1690

Gent

This Serves only to cover the Contents of four H^ds of skins
& furies, put on board Cap^t Morgan, w^h I hope will arrive
safe to your Hands Cap^t P^r Perry will Send you a bill Ladening
I am,

Gent

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

W. B.

To P. & L. W Morgan

TO WARHAM HORSMANDEN

August y^e 8th 1690

Worthy S^r

I wrote ab^t a fortnight Since wherein I gave you an Acco^t
of all our Welfare, but haveing this Oppertunity by Colo.
Ludwell I would not omitt itt; What extraordinary Occasion
brings this Bearer for England so soon again I know not, hee
promises mee fair, So that I hope I may bee in no danger of my
place that way & though m^r Aylway hath the Right by Order
of King & Councell yet as long as I can keep an uninterrupted
possession thereof I shall not much value it; but I hope this
year to buy him out.

My wife & family (thank God) are in good health onely
Molly hath been lately Sicke, but is now well again.

Pray S^r please to give my best respects to all where due
my blessings to the Children & accept of mine & my wives
Duty o your selfe & Mother from

Worthy S^r

Yo^r Ogedient Son & Serv^t

W. B.

To ffather Horsmanden

¶ Colo. Ludwell

TO DANIEL HORSMANDEN

Virg'a Aug: y^e 8th 1690

Dear S^r

About a fortnight Since I gave you the trouble of a few Lines,
but now finding Colo. Ludwell bound for England again, I
would not omit this to congratulate you & your good Lady on
your Marriage, wherein I wish you all imaginable Joy & Hap-
piness, and that Heaven may pour downe blessings on you
both to your hearts desire. Wee are here att ye end of y^e
World, & Europe may bee turned topsy turvy ere wee can hear
a Word of itt, but when news comes wee have itt by whole
Sale, very often much more then truth; therefore, I beg the
fav^r to hear from you as frequently as may bee: My Bro:
Rand though hee hath daily advantages from Deale, to Send
to Virg'a or Maryland, where hee might Send us the Last
news, yett I Scarce get a few Lines from him once a year.

I wrote to you formerly ab^t my Daughters, wherein you will
bee as kind as may bee, as also in giveing my Son Good advice.

My Humble Service to S^r Charles Tirrell & his Lady (m^r
Jan hath lately a fever, but is now well recovered) and all
friends

I shall now onely beg you to make my humble respects &
Service acceptable to your good Lady by your presentment,
& you shall not want the good wishes of health & prosperity
from

Dear Bro-

Yo^r Affectionate Bro: & humble Serv^t

W. B.

To Bro: Dan'll by

Colo. Ludwell

(To Be Continued)